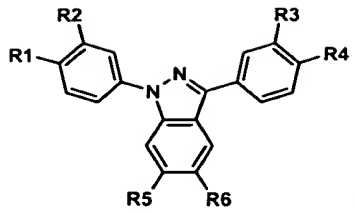


(I)

wherein

one of the radicals R^1 or R^2 and one of the radicals R^3 or R^4 is hydrogen and the other is independently –COOH, -$COOR^7$, -$CONH_2$, -$CONH(CH_2)_nOH$, -$CONR^8R^9$, -CH_2OH, -CH_2NH_2, -NO_2, -$NR^{10}R^{11}$, -$NHCOR^{12}$, Cl, Br, F, -CF_3, -N=C=O, -N=C=S, -SO_3H, -$SO_2NH(CH_2)_nNH_2$, (C_1-C_4) alkyl, (C_1-C_{16})-alkyl substituted at the terminal carbon with –COOH, -$COOR^7$, -$CONH_2$, -$CONR^8R^9$, -$CONH(CH_2)_nOH$, -CH_2OH, -CH_2NH_2, -N=C=O, -N=C=S, -SO_3H, -$SO_2NH(CH_2)_nNH_2$, -$CONH(CH_2)_nNH_2$, and the -NH_2 group could also be substituted by (C_1-C_4) alkyl or a commonly used amino protecting group;

and one of the radicals R^5 or R^6 is hydrogen and the other is hydrogen, halogen, -NO_2, -$NR^{10}R^{11}$, -$NHCOR^{12}$, (C_1-C_4) alkyl, (C_1-C_{16})-alkyl substituted at the terminal carbon with –COOH, -$COOR^7$, -$CONH_2$, -$CONR^8R^9$, -$CONH(CH_2)_nOH$, -CH_2OH, -CH_2NH_2, -N=C=O, -N=C=S, -SO_3H, -$SO_2NH(CH_2)_nNH_2$, -$CONH(CH_2)_nNH_2$, wherein and the -NH_2 group could also be substituted by (C_1- C_4) alkyl or a commonly used amino protecting group;

n is 2–8;

with the *proviso* that only one of R^1-R^6 is nitro;

R^7 is a commonly used carboxyl protecting or carboxyl activating group;

R^8 or R^9 is hydrogen and the other is lower alkyl (C_1-C_4), phenyl, benzyl, or R^8 and R^9 are part of a 5 or 6 membered ring;

R^{10} and R^{11} are independently hydrogen or (C_1-C_4)alkyl; and

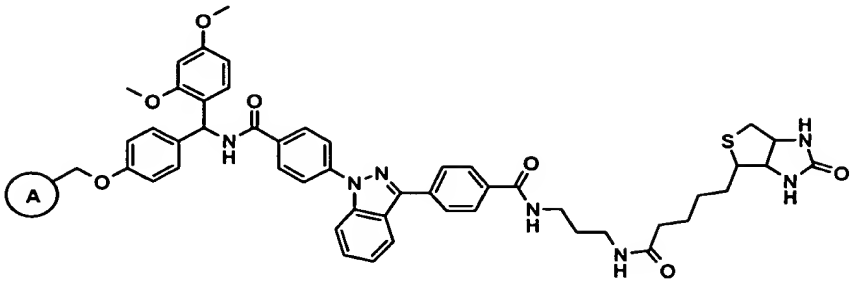
R^{12} is (C_1-C_{10})alkyl, phenyl, which both can be substituted by (C_1-C_4) alkyl, protected amino group or halogen; and

D and D´ are independently a bond or a spacer selected from α,ω-diamino-alkanes, diaminocyclohexyl, bis-(aminomethyl)-substituted phenyl, α-amino-ω-hydroxy-alkanes, alkylamines, cyclic alkylamines or cyclic alkyldiamines or amino acids without or with additional functionality in the side chain.

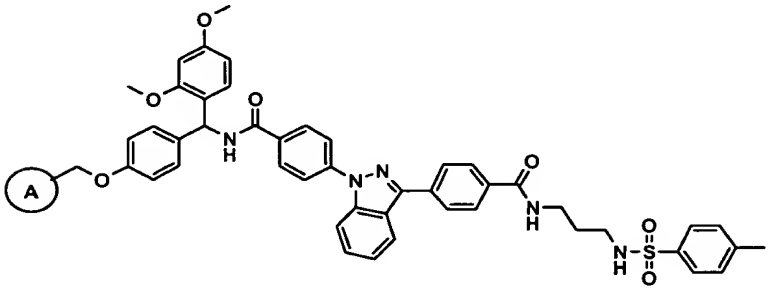
18. (new) Compounds of claim 17, wherein

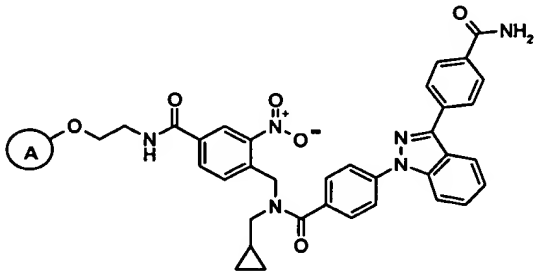
B is selected from benzyl, benzhydryl, benzhydryliden, trityl, xanthenyl, benzoin, silicon, or allyl based linkers.

19. (new) Compounds of claim 17 of the following structures:



A — B — C — D' — E





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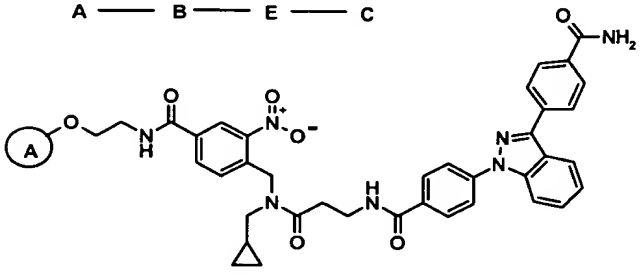

A — B — E — D' — C

A — B — D — E — C .

20. (new) Compounds of claim 17 wherein the amino protecting group is *tert*-butyloxycarbonyl, 9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl, phthalimido, trifluoroacetamido, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, allyloxycarbonyl, 2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonyl, or 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy-carbonyl.

21 (new) Compounds of claim 17 wherein C is of the following structures: